

**REMARKS**

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on February 2, 2004, stated that the amendment filed on January 15, 2004, is considered non-compliant because the status identifiers in the amendments to the claims are incorrect. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment required correction and stated that only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety).

Applicants have corrected the status indicators in the amendments to the claims and hereby resubmit the corrected amendments to the claims in its entirety. Applicants respectfully submit that the Office Action filed January 15, 2004 is now compliant.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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